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Cooperation between the United Nations and regional and other organizations: cooperation between the United Nations and the Inter-Parliamentary Union

Observer status for the Inter-Parliamentary Union in the General Assembly

Report of the Sixth Committee

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I. Introduction

1. At its 56th meeting, on 16 November 2001, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to allocate the sub-item entitled "Cooperation between the United Nations and the Inter-Parliamentary Union" to the Sixth Committee for the sole purpose of considering the question of the granting of observer status to the Inter-Parliamentary Union in the General Assembly.

2. The Sixth Committee considered the sub-item at its 27th and 28th meetings, on 19 and 21 November 2001. The views of the representatives who spoke during the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.6/56/SR.27 and 28).

3. For its consideration of the sub-item, the Committee had before it a letter dated 7 November 2001 from the Permanent Representative of India to the United Nations addressed to the President of the General Assembly (A/56/614).

II. Consideration of proposals

4. At the 27th meeting, on 19 November, the representative of India introduced a draft resolution entitled "Observer status for the Inter-Parliamentary Union in the General Assembly" (A/C.6/56/L.24), which read:

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"*The General Assembly*,

"*Recalling* its decision 49/426 of 9 December 1994,

"*Considering* the unique status of the Inter-Parliamentary Union as a world organization of parliaments,

"*Wishing* to promote cooperation between the United Nations and the Inter-Parliamentary Union,

"1. *Decides* to invite the President of the Inter-Parliamentary Union or a parliamentarian nominated by the Presidency to participate as an observer in the sessions and work of the General Assembly;

"2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take the necessary action to implement the present resolution."

5. At the 28th meeting, on 21 November, the representative of India withdrew draft resolution A/C.6/56/L.24 and orally proposed a draft decision entitled "Observer status for the Inter-Parliamentary Union in the General Assembly".

6. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted the draft decision without a vote (see para. 7).

III. Recommendation of the Sixth Committee

7. The Sixth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft decision:

Observer status for the Inter-Parliamentary Union in the General Assembly

The General Assembly decides to defer further consideration of and a decision on the request for observer status for the Inter-Parliamentary Union in the General Assembly[1] to its fifty-seventh session.

[1] See A/56/614.